

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: RESCINDING DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER
DISPOSITION PARCEL L-39 IN THE
WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-24

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority", has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance to the hereinafter identified project; and

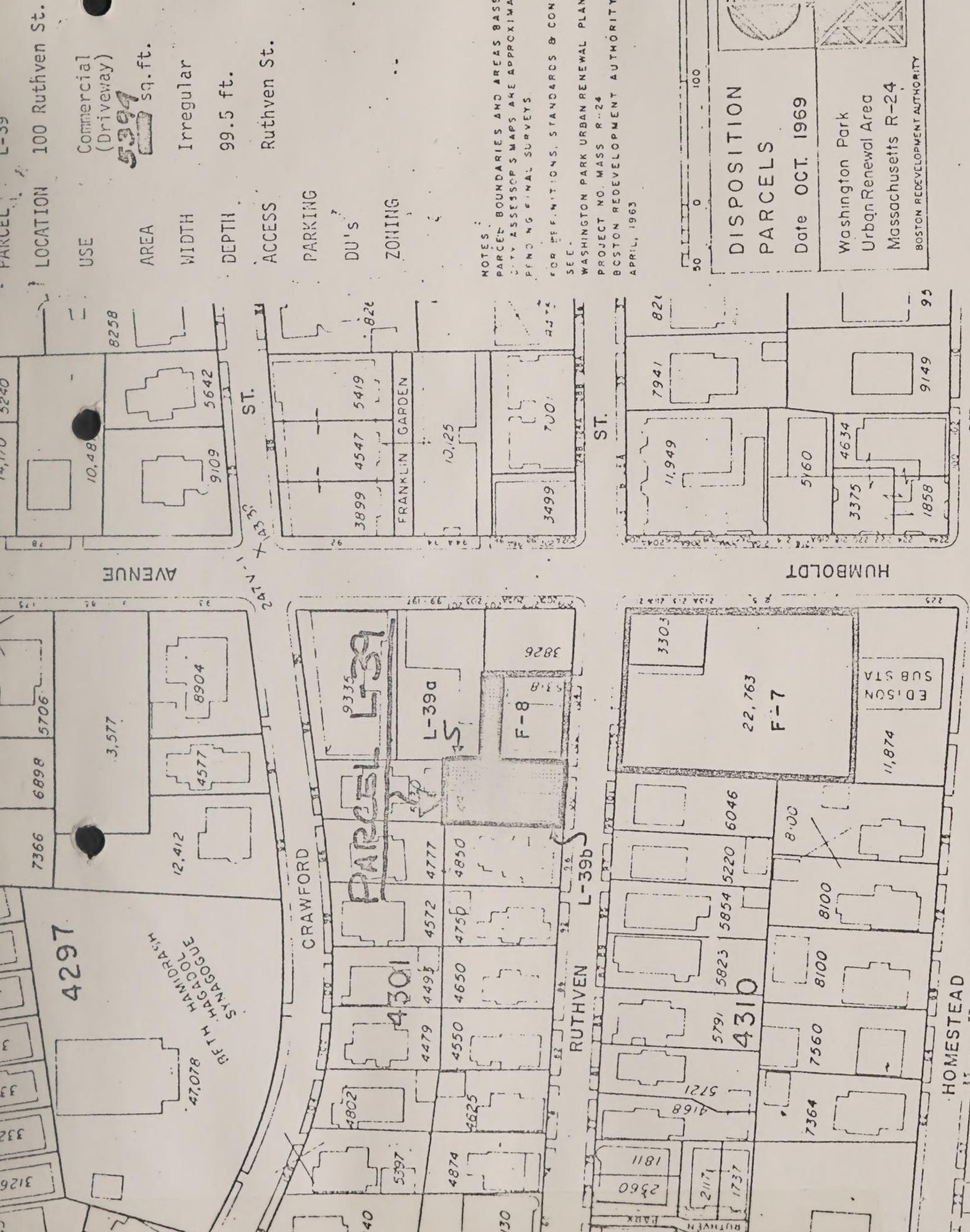
WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area", has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, state and Federal law; and

WHEREAS, Gerald P. Griffiths was Designated Redeveloper of Parcel L-39 on October 2, 1969 for the purpose of construction an off-street landscaped parking facility; and

WHEREAS, Gerald P. Griffiths of Roxbury has been unable to receive title to Parcel L-39, execute proposed improvements, or satisfy complaint(s) of abutters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the Designation of Gerald P. Griffiths voted by the Authority on October 2, 1969 is hereby rescinded.
2. That the Director be authorized to seek new Developers for Parcel L-39, as subdivided into Parcels L-39a & L-39b.
3. That disposal of said parcel by negotiation is the appropriate method of making this land available for redevelopment.



July 20, 1972

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR 2249
SUBJECT: WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA, MASS. R-24
Rescinding Designation of Developer
Disposition Parcel L-39

Parcel L-39 is a vacant lot, 5,394 sq. ft. in area, which was the former site of 100 Ruthven Street, a house scheduled for rehabilitation but demolished due to its vandalized and deteriorated condition.

Mr. Gerald B. Griffiths owner of an adjacent restaurant, was designated developer of Parcel L-39 in October 1969, planning to develop parking and delivery access to the rear of the restaurant.

Since that designation Mr. Griffiths has not managed to take title to Parcel L-39 or pursue the construction and landscaping of the proposed parking and service area.

Mr. Griffiths problems are partly financial, and partly opposition of the immediate neighborhood to his use of the entire site.

Mr. Curtis V. Cash, owner-occupant of #96 Ruthven Street, the residential property abutting L-39 on the westerly side, has described the proposed extension of business use across L-39 to his present property line as a nuisance, and has requested the opportunity to purchase a portion of L-39 to develop as a sideyard, with a driveway, and sufficient planting to screen his home from the existing business uses. He has no objection to Mr. Griffiths developing part of the Parcel L-39.

The Project Director has met with Messrs. Cash and Griffiths to arrive at a mutually acceptable proposal which will involve the division of Parcel L-39 into Parcels L-39a & L-39b. Mr. Griffiths will forgo several parking spaces and pursue a reduced scope of construction which he can realistically support on L-39a (2,539 sq. ft.) which will be an access driveway for delivery trucks and trash removal. Mr. Cash will purchase L-39b (2,855 sq. ft.) for sideyard landscaping purposes and will be prohibited from enlarging his structure except for a possible garage.

I, therefore, recommend that the Designation of Gerald P. Griffiths as Redeveloper of Parcel L-39 in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area be rescinded. Requests for designation of Parcels L-39a & L-39b will be the subject of subsequent memoranda.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachment